

# **DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

## **DISTRICT I**

June 2, 2003

7:00 p.m.

*Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19<sup>th</sup>, Wichita, Kansas 67214*

### **Members Present**

Council Member Brewer  
Treatha Brown Foster  
Lois Tully-Gerber  
Lori Lawrence  
Debra K. Miller  
Debby Moore  
Steve Roberts\*  
Celina Porter Robinson  
James Thompson  
Ken Woodard

### **Members Absent**

Willard Walker  
Rickie Coleman

### **Guest List**

Bob Kaplan, 430 N. Market  
Carl Ligon, 1736 NE Parkway  
Linda Estep, 2523 N. Roosevelt Ct.

### **Staff Present**

Virdena Gilkey, Neighborhood Assistant  
D. Kay Johnson, Environmental Health  
Wanda Parker-Givens, WPD  
Jamie Cavitt, WPD  
Bill Longnecker, Planning

\*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Call to Order**

**Council Member Brewer** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were amended to reflect a name change on page 3 from **Eilleen Dobbs to Robin Dobbs. Porter Robinson (Brown Foster)** motion to approve amended DAB I minutes. Motion carried (7-0).

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Councilman Brewer** revised the agenda as follows: Item 3 to Item 5, Item 5 to Item 6, Item 6 to Item 3. **Brown Foster and Tully-Gerber** requested to speak under New Business. **Lawrence (Brown Foster)** made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

## **Public Agenda**

**No items submitted.**

### **Planning Agenda**

3. **ZON2003-0024**

**MAPD Staff** will present requested zone change from “TF-3” Two-family Residential to “LC” Limited Commercial.

Bill Longnecker, MAPD staff, explained to the board that the original request had changed from Limited Commercial to GO-PO128. This request would cover the area of the northwest corner of Vassar Avenue – Central Avenue. Longnecker stated that MAPC approved this zone change on May 22, 2003.

There was an explanation of the background of the area, which included the current and proposed developments: expansion of the Wesley Hospital complex, proposed multi-story office building, banking, retail stores, day-care facility and others. Mr. Longnecker also explained the five recommendations and that the applicant offered “GO” zoning with a “PO” Protective Overlay.

The board was concerned with the specific plans for the site, how the area would handle the additional parking, and if a traffic study had been done for the area.

Mr. Longnecker addressed the concerns and explained that no specific plans had been developed for the site at this time; however, the derelict properties at the site would be addressed. He further explained that the applicant has considered asking for cross lot access with one parking lot for all businesses. They are also looking at shutting off individual drives with replatt access control of no more than two entrances. Mr. Longnecker explained that there are parking and screening requirements for the front streets as well as landscaping requirements. The .82 acres of land will restrict the amount of parking based on the size of the site.

A few additional comments were made. **Tully-Gerber (Brown Foster)** moved to recommend approval of the recommendation as presented. Motion passed 8-0.

### **Staff Reports**

4. **Revision to City of Wichita Code-Chapter 7.30 Water**

**Kay Johnson** presented the proposed update to the current city code regarding water wells. Ms. Johnson explained that this document is primarily an updating of the language utilizing the name Department of Environmental Health as opposed to the Wichita Sedgwick County Health Department. Also, a change in the requirement had become necessary due to groundwater contamination in the downtown area.

Ms. Johnson stated that the primary concern regarding the code is number 7.30.40, which currently allows water wells to be installed prior to permit issuance. The revised code will require the permitting of water wells prior to installation to ensure added protection for the public from groundwater contamination or improper construction sites, and in isolated areas where groundwater contamination exists but would not be otherwise be apparent.

The DAB members asked the following questions. (*Kay Johnson’s response is in italics*).

**Tully-Gerber** asked about Section #E and if that statement would eliminate the use of well water. *Our preference is that they disconnect if the well is found in a contaminated area. In the case of contamination, we try to immediately supply bottled water until new water sources are located. Generally, we want to know if they transfer property, if contamination found.* **Woodard** asked if residents could be forced to shut wells down? *We strongly encourage them to, but some people like the water they are drinking. We have never condemned a well, but most people willingly switch to bottled water until a solution is found.* **Brown Foster** inquired as to the location where the contamination was found. *Contamination was found primarily in the downtown area (Gilbert, Mosley, and Nick). We are currently working with KDHE on this matter.*

**Carl Ligon**, 1736 NE Parkway, commented that he just dug a well and was not aware that this applied to water wells. How would I know if there is contamination? *Give me a call and I will have someone look at your well. Under the Kansas law you were supposed to apply for license prior to the installation of your well.*

**Brown Foster (Thompson)** moved to approve the proposed water well code revision as submitted. Motion carried 8-0.

**5. Police Report**

**Lt. Wanda Givens** reported on Community Unity Day, which will take place on Saturday, August 16, 2003. This event is a partnership and the police department will sponsor a carnival through the HUD grant and Weed and Seed. Last year over 800 families attended. There will also be the grand re-opening of the Lynette Woodard Recreation facility.

**6. Special Events Policy – Virdena Gilkey, Neighborhood Assistant**, presented proposed updates to the City of Wichita's special events policy.

Ms. Gilkey reviewed the Agenda Report and explained the two options that the DAB members need to consider. Option 1, which dealt with site specification and designation for special events, and Option 2, which dealt with the sound level meter measuring equipment that will be utilized by the Wichita Police Department and Environmental Health Department.

DAB members specifically addressed the noise ordinance regulations in regard to the National Night Out events sponsored by the Wichita Police Department. DAB members were concerned that the residents celebrating crime reduction in their neighborhoods would possibly be sited for disturbing the peace. An additional concern was the regulation of noise in the downtown area and if those business establishments would be held to the same standards as a designated site. The Community Police officers assured the board that this noise ordinance affects all violators regardless to where they are located and that the National Night Out events would be held to the same standards.

**Porter Robinson (Thompon)** made a motion to approve the proposed policy additions as submitted. Motion carried 8-0.

**Recommendation: The board approved proposed additions to policy.**

**Unfinished Business**

**No items submitted**

### **New Business**

7. **Tully-Gerber** reported on the Firework's Taskforce Committee and the recommendations that came out of the series of meetings. She explained that they are submitting to the City Council a three-page report and that the bullet points on page one showed their recommendations. Tully-Gerber commented that they feel that they did their best and the taskforce members volunteered to continue this process to improve the way fireworks are handled.

*Tully-Gerber's response is in italics*

**Brown Foster** asked if the 11:00 p.m. curfew recommendation would affect one day or several days. *The curfew was for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The committee would like to see the City operate in accordance with the code, as well as have a curfew in place.* **Councilman Brewer** commented that the committee did an excellent job with a very complicated issue to resolve. The spectrum went from totally ban fireworks to regulate them. The committee was as varied in opinion as the City Council. He commented that he appreciated Lois for all of the work she did as a representative from DAB 1. **Thompson** asked how soon would the recommendations go into affect if adopted by the City Council? *Not until next year. The vendors have already purchased their fireworks for this year and are operating on current policy.* **Debby Moore** commented that her neighborhood has been a war zone for the past three years and that the residents have no regard for others.

8. **Brown Foster** reported on the cease-fire initiative that is currently being promoted by the WPD. She stated that she wants to get this information out in the District 1 neighborhoods. Brown Foster also reported that the Princess Chapter #12 will be sponsoring a Garage Sale on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 a.m., University Plaza parking lot.

### **Board Agenda**

9. **Updates, Issues, and Reports**

- **Lori Lawrence** announced the Chautauqua Park Dedication, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. Councilman Brewer is providing the barbeque.
- **Councilman Brewer** announced the following:
  - a. Fairmount Neighborhood Association picnic, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  - b. Schweiter East NA picnic, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with softball afterwards.
  - c. District 1 Coalition Breakfast, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Cisro's Restaurant.
  - d. NE Heights NA picnic, Chisholm Creek Park, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

He encouraged the DAB members to attend at least one of the picnics on that Saturday, just to show support.

- **Linda Estep**, 2523 North Roosevelt Court, inquired about the installation of the street light at 29<sup>th</sup> and Oliver. **Councilman Brewer** responded that he would find out the status.

**Recommendation: The board received and filed the reports.**

Being no further business, **Thompson (Brown Foster)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Virdena Gilkey  
Neighborhood Assistant